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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claim in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

- 1. (previously amended) A spectrometer, comprising:
  - a source of a primary beam of radiant energy;
  - a beamsplitter fixed in relation to the primary beam, for dividing primary beam into at least first and second energy beams which follow first and second optical paths;
  - a tunable solid-state reference laser coupled to the spectrometer through a filter;
  - at least one return reflector for reflecting the first beam back to the beamsplitter;
  - at least one radiant energy detector; and
    a control, data acquisition and processing electronic
    system.
- 2. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)

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- 3. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)
- 4. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 where the filter is an etalon.
- 5. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 where the solid-state laser is a vertical cavity surface emitting laser.
- 6. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 where the solid state laser has a linewidth of less than one wavenumber.
- 7. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)
- 8. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)
- 9. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)
- 10. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)

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- 11. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 where the signal generated by the solid-state reference laser is demodulated.
- 12. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 wherein the detector further comprises a transfer function and wherein an additional source of radiant energy is used to probe the transfer functions of the detector.
- 13. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 wherein the detector further comprises a transfer function and the transfer function of the detector is inverted by the use of an adaptive filter.
- 14. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 where the radiation detector detects an optically subtracted beam.
- 15. (previously amended) The spectrometer of claim 1 further comprising an additional source of radiant energy acting as

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a signal probe providing a response, and wherein the detector further comprises a detector signal, and whereby the detector signal is modified by the control, data acquisition and processing electronic system to correct for nonlinear response using the response to the probe signal.

- 16. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)
- 17. (withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement)